

Serial No.: 10/825,064
Art Unit: 2113

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph at page 11, beginning at line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] In the block group determined to be reconstructed as a result of the loop process, if an uncopied storing object block is detected to be defective (YES in step S520), the block rebuilder 70 reads the plural storing object blocks other than the defective storing object blocks from the storage devices 30 via the block reader 60. The block reader 70 rebuilds the defective storing object block based on the read blocks (step S540). Then, the rebuild block overwriter 75 overwrites the rebuilt ~~storing~~ object block on one of the copied object block and ~~or the original object block~~ (step S550). The original object block may be an original of the copied object block.